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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6707

BILL NUMBER: HB 1147

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 27, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Election Day Voter Registration.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Day

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill permits a voter to register at the polls by completing a voter registration form, an affirmation that the person has not voted elsewhere in the election, and proof of residence. The bill specifies the documents acceptable as proof of residence, including a statement signed by another voter in the precinct that corroborates the residency of the person registering to vote. The bill requires that voter registration forms executed at the polls be processed in the same manner as other registrations.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* The Election Commission would be required to prescribe a form for an affirmation statement that a person registering to vote on election day at a precinct had not voted elsewhere on election day. Additionally, the Election Division would be required to prescribe a standardized coding system to classify day-of-election registration documents to be placed in the county voter registration system. These provisions would have a minimal impact on the Commission's and the Division's expenditures.

Background: As of December 2004, the Election Division had 13 staff positions. Four positions: a systems analyst, an unclassified executive position, a Governor's fellow, and a PAT 1 attorney were vacant. The other 9 positions included one attorney, two field auditors, two unclassified executive positions, two program coordinators, and two administrative personnel.

The Election Commission/Division reverted \$63,947 to the state General Fund at the end of FY 2004. The Election Division was appropriated \$794,571 in FY 2004 and \$725,571 in FY 2005.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* Under the bill, county election boards and precinct election boards would have several additional responsibilities that would increase the administrative time necessary to ensure persons that registered on the day of election were able to vote.

Additionally, counties would have additional expenditures to ensure that precincts had enough registration forms, affirmation forms, regular ballots (in optical scan counties), and provisional ballots in order to meet the potential demand of day-of-election registration and voting. Direct recording electronic voting system counties would not require much additional expenditure with respect to regular ballots.

Background: For the 2004 general election, optical scan ballots were about \$0.29 per ballot, or \$290 per 1,000 ballots.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Election Commission; Indiana Election Division.

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards; precinct election boards.

Information Sources: *State of Indiana HRM Detail Staffing Report, December 6, 2004; State Budget Agency: FY 2004 General and Rainy Day Fund Summaries; State of Indiana: List of Appropriations July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2005.*

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